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SUBJECT: UAE FINANCING OF JORDANIAN FMS CASE

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1. FOR BOTH POLICY AND PRACTICAL REASONS WE OPPOSE IDEA OF HAVING
USG ACT AS BILL COLLECTOR FOR UAEG ON THIS LOAN.

2. POLICY REASON IS THAT ARRANGEMENTS TO FINANCE THIS ARMS
PURCHASE IS FUNDAMENTALLY UAE-JORDANIAN BILATERAL DEAL AND WE
SEE NO REASON WHY U.S. SHOULD GET INVOLVED. FACT THAT WE ARE ARMS
SUPPLIER IS NOT REALLY RELEVANT TO FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.
ARMS PRESUMABLY MIGHT HAVD BEEN SUPPLIED BY SOMEONE ELSE,
AND UAEG STILL WOULD HAVE LOANED JORDAN THE MONEY. SINCE
UE WERE IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN ORIGINAL JORDANIAN NEGOTIATIONS
WITH UAEG FOR THIS LOAN, WE SEE NO REASON TO GET INVOLVED NOW.

3. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL REASONS NOT TO GET
INTO THE MIDDLE ON THIS ONE. WE DOUBT WHETHER OUR INVOLVEMENT
WOULD QUOTE SPEED PAYMENTS UP UNQUOTE AS GOJ HOPES. NOTHING
HAPPENS VERY FAST HERE IN ANY CASE AND OUR HAVING TO MAKE
EXPLANATIONS AS TO WHY WE ARE BECOMING INVOLVED WOULD ONLY DELAY
THINGS FURTHER. WE THINK U.S. ASSUMPTION OF THIS ROLE
COULD WELL BE RESENTED BY UAEG AND END UP MAKING
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TIMELY PAYMENTS MORE DIFFICULT. WHILE GOJ MAY BE FACING TEMPORARY

DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING MONEY FROM UAEG, OVER LONG RUN ITYUS IN FAR
BETTER POSITION TO KEEP SHAIKH ZAYID'S FEET TO THE FIRE THAN WE WOULD
BE.

4. WITH PRESENT ABU DHABI BUDGETARY SQUEEZE, DISBURSEMENTS
UNDER MANY ABU DHABI COMMITMENTS ARE BEING STRETCHED OUT, QUITE
POSSIBLY INCLUDING DISBURSEMENTS TO GOJ UNDER THIS COMMITMENT.
THIS MAKE ROLE OF BILL COLLECTOR FROM UAEG AT THIS PARTICULAR
TIME RATHER ONEROUS ONE, PERHAPS ONE OF FACTORS MOTIVATING JAF
SUGGESTION THAT USG ASSUME THIS BURDEN. WHILE WE ARE SYMPATHETIC
WITH JORDAN'S DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING UP FLOW OF MONEY FROM UAE
(OBVIOUSLY MAIN PURPOSE OF VISITS BY KING HUSSEIN AND MARWAN QASSEM
HERE RECENTLY) WE SEE NO PROFIT AND INDEED A NUMBER OF HEADACHES
IN STORE FOR US IF WE WERE TO ASSUME BURDEN FOR GOJ.
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